GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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SAFETY OF MULLA PERIYAR DAM
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a recent study regarding Mulla Periyar Dam in Kerala has raised apprehensions regarding its safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) A report on `Assessment of Probable Maximum Flood and Flood routing in respect of Mullaperiyar Dam` has been filed by the Government of Kerala before Hon`ble Supreme Court in connection with the Original Suit No. 3 of 2006 (State of Tamil Nadu V/s State of Kerala & Others). The report was received by Central Water Commission (CWC) through Government Counsel. The report has raised issues regarding the capacity of Mullaperiyar Dam for the estimated probable Maximum flood with existing spillway capacity. The report has been examined by CWC and they have reported that the conclusion drawn in the above report does not appear to be well founded. CWC has sent the comments on the report to the Government Counsel on 13.10.2008 for placing before Hon`ble Supreme Court. The matter is subjudice.